

The Senate's Snuff Box.

Washington Post.

There was a great alarm in the senate chamber when the ancient snuff box seemed to be missing. Inquiry, however, showed that it had only been taken out to be filled, and was soon again in its accustomed place.

No one knows how many years that snuff box has rested in its little niche on the right of the presiding officer's desk. Senator Allison has been in the senate nearly 30 years, and it was there before he came. Tradition has it that Clay and Calhoun and Benton and all of the worthy snuff takers of the distant past used the now historic Box. It is still kept filled, but the atmosphere of the senate chamber is so dry that the snuff has to be dampened twice or three times a week to keep the fine particles from permeating the air and causing an epidemic of sneezing. Very few of the senators use the snuff box nowadays. Occasionally, when one of the septuagenarians has a cold in the head, he takes a pinch, but otherwise the little receptacle remains undisturbed.

Scheming for a Renomination

From the Louisville Courier-Journal (dem.)

Here we have a president in the white house who, though a professional reformer, is naturally honest as times go. It is natural that he would wish to stay where he is as long as the law allows. From morn to noon, from noon to Dewey eve—to Schley and Miles midnight—there is one dominant thought in his mind—the succession. He goes to bed with it. He gets up with it. He walks with it, talks with it, sings to it, plays on it. It is his meat, his drink and his respectability. Were it not better he were spared all this? Were it not better the constitution stepped in and said, "Six years shalt thou go, and no longer!" We think so.

Criticising William.

Washington, D. C.—There is a disposition here to sharply criticise Emperor William for his announced purpose to dispatch Prince Henry to the United States, no matter what the result of the illness of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., may be.

To Change Inauguration Day.

Washington, D. C.—The Senate voted to-day to change inauguration day to the last Thursday in April.

"PAD'S" FINGER VALET.

Paderewski keeps a valet whose principal occupation is to rub the great pianist's fingers at stated times, to knead the palms of his hands and to crack his knuckles. Before stepping on a platform to play a solo he plugs his hands into hot water and keeps them as long as the pain will let him.

The Wallflower—"Cholly Chalk isn't a bit of use," sneered the girl who danced "Indeed he is, then," said the hostess. "he has been sitting there hiding the tear in the sofa all evening." Chicago Daily News.

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